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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: **United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today announced** that Michael Morgan, 33, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, was sentenced by the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire to 40 months imprisonment. Morgan's sentence is a result of his pleading guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute 100 or more kilograms of marijuana during the period from 1995 through 2001. The District Court found that Morgan was responsible for 80 to 100 kilograms sold during the conspiracy. Morgan was also sentenced to four years of supervised release following his imprisonment.

Morgan's co-conspirator, Beverly Pryme of Granby, Connecticut, was sentenced on October 29, 2002, to 27 months imprisonment for her role in the conspiracy. Pryme also forfeited a 1990 Nissan Maxima used during the conspiracy.

The investigation of the marijuana conspiracy began in 1999 and was lead by the Merrimack Police Department, with assistance from the New Hampshire Drug Task Force, the New England State Police Informational Network (NESPIN), and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation determined that Morgan and others provided marijuana from New York City for distribution in New Hampshire. Pryme would deliver the marijuana to New Hampshire using Pryme's 1990 Nissan Maxima. In October 2001, Morgan was arrested after delivering 20 pounds of marijuana to New Hampshire. A total of 43 pounds of marijuana was seized during the investigation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Merrimack Police Department, the New Hampshire Drug Task Force, NESPIN, the Internal Revenue Service and the DEA. Through their joint efforts, a significant marijuana distribution operation was discovered and put out of business. I wish to express my great appreciation to these agencies for bringing this case to such a successful resolution." This case was handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.